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Dear Sirs:

Further to my conversation with Examiner Wyszomierski, we submit herewith the declaration of co-inventor Bogdan Octav Ciocirlan attesting that the present invention was conceived prior to the filing date of the prior art Chen reference being relied upon in the outstanding office action. Therefore, it is submitted that the applied Chen reference no longer qualifies as prior art under 35 USC 102(e) and the outstanding rejection has been overcome. It is believed that the present application is in now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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